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GENETIC SEQUENCE ENCODING SAME**Date:** July 17, 2001Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as

follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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